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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

30 August 2013

Mr. Jason Leopold

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Reference: F-2013-02414

Dear Mr. Leopold:

On 12 August 2013, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 7 August 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

> **…records pertaining to request number F-2013-01079, "decision by CIA to award a contract for commercial cloud services to Amazon web services, Inc. under solicitation #2012-12041000001 Feb 13, 2013," which was filed or received by CIA on March 8, 2013.**

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Justice guidance. I have reviewed your request under those standards to determine "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." Your request does not meet these standards because disclosing the information you seek is not "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government." I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "representative of the news media" fee category, which means you may have to pay for the cost of reproducing released records, which would be assessed at a rate of ten cents per page after the first 100 pages, which you receive free. For your reference, we are enclosing a copy of our fee schedule.

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Before we can begin processing your request, we must receive your commitment to pay all fees incurred under the conditions stated above. We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response.

Sincerely,

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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